

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 6, 2015

SENATE BILL

No. 613

Introduced by Senator Allen

February 27, 2015

An act to add and repeal Section 4034 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to dementia.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 613, as amended, Allen. *State Department of Health Care Services: dementia guidelines: workgroup.*

Existing law establishes the State Department of Health Care Services, which administers the state Medi-Cal program and the community mental health programs in the state.

This bill would require the department to convene a workgroup to ~~create guidelines for dementia care in the Medi-Cal program; update the Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease Management in California to address changes in the health care system, including changes in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Medicare.~~ The bill would require the department to ~~report the recommendations of the workgroup to the Legislature~~ *implement the updated guidelines* on or before March 1, 2017. The bill would repeal these provisions as of January 1, 2018.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4034 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:

1 4034. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (1) There are an estimated 57,000 people with dementia in
4 California's Coordinate Care Initiative.

5 (2) Average per person Medicaid spending for seniors with
6 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is 19 times higher than
7 average per person Medicaid spending for all other seniors.

8 (3) The triple aim of the federal *Patient Protection and*
9 *Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148)* and Medicaid
10 expansion is improved population health, better experience of care,
11 and lower per capita health care costs.

12 (4) Dementia care management has proven, through
13 peer-reviewed, evidence-based research, to achieve all three aims.

14 (b) The State Department of Health Care Services shall convene
15 a workgroup to ~~create guidelines for dementia care in the Medi-Cal~~
16 ~~program. The guidelines shall draw on the experience of the~~
17 ~~Dementia MediConnect three-year grant awarded to the California~~
18 ~~Department of Aging and any other relevant literature. update the~~
19 *2008 Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease Management in*
20 *California to address changes in the health care system, including,*
21 *but not limited to, changes in the federal Patient Protection and*
22 *Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) and Medicare. These*
23 *updates may further draw on evidence-based, peer-reviewed*
24 *research and lessons learned from demonstration and pilot*
25 *projects.*

26 (c) The workgroup shall consist of ~~stakeholders, including~~
27 ~~nurses, social workers, primary care physicians, advocates for~~
28 ~~people with dementia, health plans and insurers, and others as the~~
29 ~~department deems necessary. members determined by the~~
30 *department. It may include multidisciplinary experts in Alzheimer's*
31 *disease detection, diagnosis, treatment, and support.*

32 (d) The department shall ~~report the recommendations of the~~
33 ~~workgroup to the Legislature implement the updates and~~
34 *recommendations from the working group on or before March 1,*
35 *2017. This report shall be submitted in compliance with Section*
36 *9795 of the Government Code.*

1 (e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018,
2 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
3 is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.

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